

## Silver Medal of the All-Russia Industrial and Artistic Fair of 1896 in Nizhniy Novgorod.

Measures 51.5 mm wide; weighs 60.0 g. Obverse shows a coinage portrait of Nicholas II and inscription "By the Grace of God, Nicholas II Emperor and Autocrat of All Russia. The reverse features an allegoric figure of Mother Russia wearing a crown; she is honoring with a wreath a man and a woman who presented her with the fruits of their labor. The sprawling buildings hosting the exhibition are visible on the background. On the lower portion of the reverse appear the name of the artist N. Samokish and die-cutter Grilikhes the Son who jointly created the model for the medal.

Fine to very fine condition. There are some knocks to the rim visible from the side but only resulting in a couple of very mild edge bumps that could be noticed when viewed directly from either the obverse or reverse. The emperor's bas-relief has only minimal wear to the high points and some minor dings and scratches; the details of the portrait are still well-defined, while the raised lettering is practically perfect. The artwork and raised inscription on the reverse are extremely well-preserved and crisp.

/Mikhail Diakov, Medals of the Russian Empire, Part 7, 1894-11917, p. 114, fig. 1219.2./

Please note, penny in our photo is for size reference.

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